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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST ATTACK ON LE MINH BASE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GVN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
COMMUNIQUE RELEASED SEPTEMBER 27;

2. BEGIN TEXT. ON SEPTEMBER 22, 1973, THE 26TH REGIMENT  
OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULAR FORCES, WITH THE SUPPORT OF  
HEAVY ARTILLERY AND TANKS MASSIVELY ATTACKED THE BASE OF  
LE MINH (PLEI JERENG, 37 KILOMETERS WEST OF PLEIKU) MANNED  
BY AN ARVN RANGER BATTALION.

3. THIS MASSIVE ATTACK OF TH LE MINH BASE OCCURRED AFTER SO  
MANY OTHER SERIOUS VIOLATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DENOUNCED  
BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN ITS NOTES TO THE SIGNATORY PARTIES OF  
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THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM, SUCH AS THE

INTRUSION OF THE COMMUNIST CHINESE FREIGHTER HONG KY INTO CUA VIET PORT WITH ITS CARGO OF MILITARY HARDWARE, THE TRANSFORMATION OF 12 AIRSTRIPS AT THE AREAS ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY THE COMMUNISTS INTO MILITARY AIRBASES ETC...

4. THESE VIOLATIONS ARE CLEAR EVIDENCES THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY AND BLATANTLY VIOLATED ARTICLES 3C AND 10 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM, AND ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE CEASEFIRE IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND ARTICLE 3 AND 4 OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF JUNE 13, 1973.

5. ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1973, IN A LETTER SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION, THE RVN DELEGATION AT THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION OFFICIALLY PROTESTED AGAINST THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS' ATTACK AT THE LE MINH BASE AND URGENTLY DEMANDED THE ICCS TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ONCE AGAIN SOLEMNLY DENOUNCES BEFORE PUBLIC OPINION AT HOME AND AT LARGE THIS EXTREMELY SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS. THE ATTACK AND SHELLING ON THE LE MINH BASE IS CLEARLY A CHALLENGE TO WORLD OPINION AND ALSO A PREMEDITATED ACT OF PROVOCATION ON THE PART OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS, PAVING THE WAY FOR THEIR NEW ATTACKS.

7. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO COUNTER THOSE SERIOUS BLATANT VIOLATIONS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS WHO MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ATTACKS. SAIGON, SEPTEMBER 27, 1973. END TEXT.  
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